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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JAMES BILLINGTON, BFS

REF: BUCHAREST 5435

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO JIM BILLINGTON.
AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS MET TODAY WITH PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR
MIRCEA MALITA WHO WELCOMED BILLINGTON'S VISIT WARMLY. HE IS
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ARRANGING POLITICAL PORTIONS INCLUDING
OCT 5 CALLS ON STEFAN ANDREI, SECRETARY IN CC DEALING
WITH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CORNEL BURTICA, SECRETARY WHO
HANDLES PROPAGANDA. NOT CLEAR YET WHETHER FOREIGN MINISTER
GEORGE MACOVESCU WILL HAVE LEFT FOR UNGN. AMLITA ALSO
PROPOSED GIVING LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 PRECEDED BY
DISCUSSIONS WITH GROUP HE WILL ORGANIZE OF HISTORIANS, POLITICAL
SCIENTISTS, AND SOCIOLOGISTS. HE HAS SOME RELUCTANCE ABOUT
REVOLUTION TOPIC BILLINGTON AND AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED, AS TOPIC
NOT SUBSTANCE, AND SUGGESTS SOMETHING INSTEAD LIKE : A. HISTORY
AND POLITICS; B. PROCESSES OF TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETIES,
C. RELATIONS BETWEEN HISTORY AND NATURAL SCIENCES. HE
ASKED IF BILLINGTON SHOULD BE AGREEABLE TO GIVING INTERVIEW
TO LUMEA, ROMANIAN INTERNATIONAL NEWS WEEKLY AND
AMBASSADOR SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE NO PROBLEM.
REQUEST ANY BILLINGTON COMMENT ON THESE POINTS.

2. IF ABOVE HOLDS FIRM, AMBASSADOR WILL TRY TO ARRANGE
OCTOBER 5 LUNCH OR DINNER FOR ROMANIAN EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL
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PERSONALITIES.

3. STRONG POSSIBILITY OF SECURING ROMANIAN HISTORIAN AS
GUIDE FOR SUCEAVA PORTION FOR OCTOBER 4.

4. WILL INFORM AS DETAILS PROGRESS.

5. SEPARATE ITEM: SINCE TRIP IS OFFICIAL, WE ASSUME THAT
FUNDS FOR DELTA AND SUCEAVA PORTIONS WILL BE PAID BY
BILLINGTON. IN ANY EVENT, CAO WILL MEET BILLINGTON UPON
ARRIVAL AND HAVEEQUIVALENT OF DLS 150 IN LEI TO COVER
WEEKEND AND MONDAY EXPENSES.
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